



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 1725  
**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Akihiro GOTO , et al.

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For: ELECTRIC POWER UNIT FOR ELECTRIC DISCHARGE SURFACE TREATMENT  
AND METHOD OF ELECTRIC DISCHARGE SURFACE TREATMENT

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 AND**  
**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3 are all the claims pending in the application.

**Summary of the Office Action**

The Examiner maintained the rejections. Claims 1-3 are rejected under judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting rejection and under 35 U.S.C. § 102.